



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1904

## SAILS TO FIGHT BALTIC FLEET

Japanese Send Forty Warships South  
to Engage Rojstvensky.

### FIERCE FIGHTING AT FORTRESS

Washington, Dec. 20. — Japan has dispatched a great fleet of 40 warships to meet and destroy the powerful Russian Baltic fleet.

This information is official. It is contained in a cable to the United States government from the American minister in Tokyo. It reads:

"A Japanese fleet of 40 vessels passed the Pescadore Islands yesterday, going south. This report has been confirmed here."

The Pescadores Islands lie just south of Formosa.

Thus, Japan, ever ready and quick to act, has moved far ahead of the time expected, to bring about a sea battle that is expected to be the most important in modern times.

The place agreed upon by the Russians to concentrate is believed to be the Chagos group of islands, south of India. Naval experts here figure that the czar's officers expected to mobilize the armada about January 4.

However, this sudden and dramatic move on the world's chess board by the mikado is declared here to be certain to surprise the Russians and compel a hurried change of plans.

Another Fort Captured.

Tokio, Dec. 20. — The Japanese fired an immense mine under portions of the north fort of East Keekwan Mountain at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The infantry immediately afterward charged and occupied the fort with a heavy force.

The following report of the capture was telegraphed from General Nogai's headquarters:

"At 2:15 o'clock on the afternoon of December 19 part of our army blew up the parapets of the north fort of East Keekwan Mountain and then charged. A fierce battle with hand grenades ensued."

"Subsequently, at 7 o'clock in the evening, General Semiamin, commanding the supports, advanced into the trenches and, encouraging his men, threw his supports into the fighting line in a last brave charge."

"At 11:50 o'clock at night we completely occupied the fort and immediately engaged in the construction of defensive works. Our occupation became firmly assured today."

"We captured five nine-centimetre field guns and two machine guns, as well as plenty of ammunition."

"The enemy left 40 or 50 dead. Our casualties have not been investigated, but they are not heavy."

It is reported that the Japanese have seized a strong position about 1000 yards southeast of 203-Metre Hill, preparatory to assaulting the new town and pushing between Liangli Mountain and the Russian headquarters at Port Arthur.

The fighting against Sungshu Mountain continues.

### TWO JAPANESE HEROES

Details of Desperate Torpedo Attacks Against the Sevastopol.

Tokio, Dec. 20. — Although accustomed to hearing of acts of bravery on the part of their soldiers and sailors, the people of Japan have been thrilled by the details of the series of desperate torpedo attacks against the Russian battleship Sevastopol and other craft driven outside the harbor of Port Arthur by the fire of the Japanese land batteries.

Commander Yezoe and Lieutenant Nakahara are the heroes of these attacks, and the former promises to gain equal prominence with Commander Hirose (who on March 27 last was awarded to fragments in Vice Admiral Togo's second attempt to bottle up Port Arthur) in the war traditions of Japan.

Commander Yezoe's flotilla of torpedo boats was undergoing repairs when the attacks were planned, but he succeeded in putting one of his vessels into condition for a fight. On this vessel he promptly steamed to the rendezvous and, finding that the other flotilla had gone, begged and gained permission to join in the attacks. Then he steamed through the snow storm alone and succeeded in locating the Sevastopol, to which he was able to get close enough to hear the Russians talking.

Yezoe fired a torpedo and then went closer and fired a second torpedo, when a shell from the Sevastopol struck him in the abdomen, cutting his body in two.

Portions of Commander Yezoe's remains were saved and brought back to the fleet. They will probably come to Japan for public interment, as was done with portions of the remains of Commander Hirose.

Lieutenant Nakahara went to the rescue of the disabled torpedo boat, which had been under the command of Lieutenant Nakahori, who with five others was killed, and submitted to a deadly fire. Nakahara's boat was hit repeatedly, but he succeeded in rescuing a majority of the crew of Nakahori's boat.

It is probable that Admiral Togo will soon return to Japan, leaving a junior admiral to conduct the final operations and to continue the blockade. It is expected that Togo will be summoned by the emperor to Tokyo, where he will be given splendid public receptions.

## MRS. CHADWICK BEFORE REFEREE

Was Excused From Testifying Because of Illness.

### TWO MORE BANKS CLOSE

Cleveland, O., Dec. 21. — Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick was brought into the bankruptcy court here in the bankruptcy proceedings against her, but was excused from testifying because of illness. Whether Mrs. Chadwick will again be summoned will depend on counsel for Receiver Nathan Looser, whose attorneys are expected to take up the matter. Should Mrs. Chadwick again be brought into court, it is unlikely that she will give any testimony. If she does it will be against the advice of her attorney, who refuses even to allow her to be sworn as a witness.

When the court was ready to proceed, J. P. Dawley, attorney for Mrs. Chadwick, made the announcement that he would not allow her to be sworn, but had decided to have her come to court that it could not be said she was shamming illness, although he knew her to be in no condition to be summoned.

"I have not been able to carry on a connected conversation with this woman, owing to her condition," said Mr. Dawley. "I am as much in the dark about her affairs as any one."

Touching on the possibility of contempt proceedings growing out of the bankruptcy case, Attorney Dawley said:

"You can send her back to jail if she is in contempt for not testifying. At night she can sleep in one cell and stay in another during the day."

Mrs. Chadwick became more nervous as the attorneys argued and seemed on the verge of fainting. Soon after the announcement was made that she was excused she returned to the jail in a carriage.

Two More Banks Close.

Connecticut, Dec. 21. — The First National Bank of Connecticut and the Marine Bank of Connecticut Harbor did not open their doors for business. This suspension resulted from runs on both concerns during the past few days. Officials claim the concerns are entirely solvent and declare that business will be resumed again in a short time.

Cashier Lilley made the following statement on behalf of the First National Bank:

"Ever since the exposure of the Chadwick matter our depositors have been withdrawing their funds. We do not hold any Chadwick paper, but there was a general feeling of unrest. The money has been taken out gradually, but on Saturday \$50,000 was withdrawn. On Monday practically all the remaining cash on hand was taken."

### STEAMSHIP DISASTER

Nine Burned to Death in Vessel on Long Island Sound.

New York, Dec. 19. — An awful reminder of the General Slocum steamboat horror was the destruction by fire of the steamboat Glen Island on Long Island Sound, resulting in the death of two passengers and seven members of the crew. The fire was discovered when the steamer was off Captain's Island, and within 15 minutes the vessel was wrapped in flames from stem to stern.

In splendid contrast to the circumstances attending the destruction of the General Slocum, the crew of the Glen Island behaved heroically, and the name of Fireman Newman Miller stands out vividly as that of a man who gave up his life in a vain endeavor to rescue a terrified woman. The fire is believed to have been due to crossed electric wires.

The members of the crew who perished were in the hold and could not escape before the flames swept over them. Mrs. Sikin escaped from her cabin, but went back after her purse and was burned to death. How the unknown passenger met his fate is not known.

Woman Hanged Herself.

Washington, Dec. 21. — Because of news received in a letter that she would lose her position as assistant matron of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf, Miss Cora M. Storm, 32 years of age, committed suicide by hanging and strangling herself in a room at the home of Mrs. A. B. Train, 1428 Euclid place, Miss Storm, who was in poor health, had been visiting in Washington for about six weeks as the guest of Mrs. Train. Her home was in Bethlehem, Pa., and a sister who lives in Philadelphia was notified of her death.

Farwell Dinner to Governor Murphy.

New York, Dec. 20. — A farewell dinner was given to Governor Franklin Murphy, of New Jersey, at the University Club by the members of his general and personal staff. Governor-elect Edward C. Stokes was the only invited guest present. Bird W. Spencer, inspector general of rifle practice, presented Governor Murphy, on behalf of his staff, with a silver-mounted book, in which were recorded the incidents connected with the military affairs of his administration.

Robbed in Broad Daylight.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 21. — The residence of J. K. Orr, one of Atlanta's wealthiest merchants, was entered in broad daylight and robbed of between \$5000 and \$4000 worth of jewelry. The upstairs living rooms were robbed while the members of the family were down stairs by a stylishly dressed young man. The robber escaped.

### BURSTING BOILER KILLS FOUR

Saw Mill Crew Horribly Mangled by the Explosion.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 21. — Four men were killed and their bodies terribly mangled, as the result of a boiler explosion at the saw mill of B. F. Redline, near Rohrsburg, in Columbia county.

The dead are: William Redline, aged 30; Irwin Kline, aged 30; Charles

Wright, aged 35; Elias Asb, aged 60.

The explosion occurred while all of the men were at work, and the shock was felt at Rohrsburg, two miles distant. Citizens hurried to the scene and were horrified to find the dismembered remains of the saw mill crew, all of whom were killed.

Redline's body was found nearby, 20 yards from the saw mill. The whole top of his head above the eyes was blown off and his brains spattered on the snow.

Both of Wright's arms were broken and both legs were torn from his body. The section of his right leg from the thigh to the knee was found quite a distance from his mangled remains.

Kline's body was horribly mangled, and both arms and both his legs were broken.

Asch, who was the fireman, was struck by a large bolt from the boiler, which was driven into his head. His body was mangled and his entire chest torn away.

The boiler was comparatively new, and the cause of the explosion is not known.

### MAYOR OF CAMDEN RESIGNS

Took This Action Rather Than Sign \$90,000 Bond Issue.

Camden, N. J., Dec. 21. — Mayor Joseph E. Nowrey handed his resignation as mayor of Camden to the president of city council, to take effect immediately. No reason is given for his stepping out of office, but it is believed he took this action rather than sign the \$90,000 bond issue authorized by city council for the purchase of land for park purposes.

City council awarded the bond issue to a New York firm of brokers, but the mayor refused to sign the bonds on the ground that the price to be paid for the land was excessive. The matter was referred to the supreme court, which handed down a decision directing that a writ of mandamus be issued compelling the mayor to attach his signature to the bonds.

Efforts were made to serve the writ on the mayor, but he could not be found. He personally handed his resignation to the president of council, clerk of council and the city recorder. Mr. Nowrey's term would have expired on December 31. Under the law the city recorder becomes the acting mayor.

### MAFIA LEADERS ARRESTED

Carbondale Police Capture Them in Round-Up in Italian Colony.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 19. — Two arrests were made by the police of alleged leaders of the Carbondale Mafia. One of them is John Costa, of New York, who has been making monthly visits to the Italian colony, and who is said to be the go-between for the New York headquarters and the Carbondale branch of the Mafia, was caught after a round-up under a bed in the home of a member of the gang. The warrant for his arrest specifically charges him with shooting Pasquale Cerretti, November 11 last. Cerretti was a member of the gang, who made threats to disclose the secrets of the organization after he had a rupture with the officers of the gang about a division of the spoils. The other man arrested is Frank Mazurka, who is accused of levying tribute on Carmen Pretro, under threats to cut out his eyes and burn down his house. Both prisoners are in jail.

### GROUND TO BITS UNDER TRAIN

James Freed Met Terrible Death at Grade Crossing in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Dec. 21. — Mangled almost beyond recognition, James Freed, 50 years old, was ground to death under a Reading railway train at the Poplar street grade crossing of that road. Freed was coming east on Poplar street, and stopped at the west side of the railroad to let a moving train go by. When this had passed he started to cross the tracks, not noticing that a southbound train was bearing down upon him.

The watchman shouted to him to look out, but his words and the sound of the south-bound train were drowned in the rumble made by the train that had just passed. The man on the track was hurled ahead of the train, which afterwards passed over his body, grinding it to pieces.

### Nine Killed by Falling Wall.

Minneapolis, Dec. 21. — The side wall of the O. H. Peck building, on Fifth street, South, which was left standing by the great fire of last week, toppled over in a high gale onto the Crocker hotel, a three-story structure adjoining. The tons of brick and mortar crashed completely through the flimsily constructed building, carrying floors and all into a mass of debris in the basement. There was no warning of the disaster, and 14 persons who were sleeping in the various apartments were caught in the crushed structure. Nine of them were killed.

### Killed in Coasting Accident.

Easton, Pa., Dec. 20. — Ervin H. Stocker, 14 years old, a son of Charles Stocker, of Philippsburg, died in the Easton hospital from a fractured skull caused by a coasting accident. The lad was coasting on a hill near his home, when a big sled on which a dozen older boys and girls were riding ran into him.

### A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED.

Thursday, December 15.

A treaty of arbitration between Italy and the United States was signed at Washington.

The trial of the land fraud cases at Portland, Ore., has been postponed until next March.

Charles A. Semler, a prominent broker of Okron, O., was sentenced to 18 months in prison for obtaining \$5,000 under false pretense.

The Massachusetts state grange adopted a resolution calling upon members of congress to prevent the repeal of the oleomargarine law.

The World's Fair company has decided to present each state and territory the statue symbolic of it that occupies a niche in the colonnade of states back of Festival Hall.

Friday, December 16.

Fire destroyed 15 buildings in the

business district of Opp. Ala., entailing a loss of \$150,000.

Brigadier General Samuel M. White, retired, died suddenly in Washington of acute indigestion.

Pension Commission. Ware has relinquished his official position in Washington and left for his home in Kansas.

Two masked men entered the bank of John Rivak, a and at the point of their revolvers robbed him of \$18.

Wireless telegraph messages were sent from Kansas City to Cleveland, 725 miles, without any covering.

Saturday.

According to the latest figures of Philadelphia, the state valued at \$1,578,268.

The Carnation Ice cream company requests all churches to hold special services January 29 as a memorial to the late President McKinley.

One girl was killed and 20 injured, two fatally, by jumping from windows after an explosion had wrecked a toy pistol factory at Portsmouth, O.

By placing a basin of gasoline on the stove in mistake for water, Mrs. Henry Radusky and niece, of Philadelphia, were severely burned by the explosion that followed.

### Monday, December 19.

The National Educational Association will hold their next convention at Asbury Park, N. J., July 3 to 7, 1905.

After quitting work at the Dick striping factory, Pa., Anthony Chaurat was killed by a steam shovel.

Nearly \$225,000 worth of statuary now at the St. Louis Exposition has been secured for the Lewis and Clark Exposition at Portland, Ore.

William Schimper & company's nickel plating and decorating factory at Hoboken, N. J., was destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of \$100,000.

Counsel for August W. Machen, Dr. George E. Lorenz and the Groff brothers, all convicted of postal frauds, will carry the cases to the United States supreme court.

Tuesday, December 20.

The United States supreme court has adjourned until January 3 for the Christmas holidays.

M. Calhoun, engineer, and H. Kinney, fireman, were killed and four others injured by the explosion of a locomotive boiler at Davenport, Ia.

Having dressed herself in five complete sets of clothing, Mrs. Sarah Sauble hanged herself from a tree near her home at Woodensburg, Md.

Justice of the Peace John Ford was shot and killed by his cousin on the main street of Chattanooga, Tenn., as the outcome of an old family feud.

Before a congregation of 5000 persons, John Alexander Dowie declared that the assets of Zion City were \$30,000,000, and that the total indebtedness less than \$500,000.

### Wednesday, December 21.

The Steel Bar Association at a meeting in Jersey City, N. J., set the price of steel bars \$2 a ton.

Commissioner Garfield of the bureau of corporations, and the Chicago and Kansas City to the west.

A marble bust of Major General Judson Kilpatrick, of Civil War fame, has been placed in the reception room of the secretary of war.

Sixty miners from Pennsylvania were put to work at Leiter's mine at Carbondale, Ill., where a strike has been on for some time.

Ovide Chapdelaine, aged 17 years, charged with the murder of Miss Emma Brigham at Leicester, Mass., was discharged after a hearing.

### GENERAL MARKETS

Philadelphia—Flour steady; winter superior, \$3.20; Patent, roller, clear, \$3.50; city mills, fair, \$3.10; city mills, steady, per barrel, \$4.40. Rye flour, No. 2, \$3.10; No. 1, \$3.20; No. 2 yellow, local, 50¢; Oats firm; No. 2 white, clipped, 36¢; lower grades, 34¢; Hay firm; No. 1 timothy, \$14.15; Port firm; family, \$17. Beef steady; beef hams, \$23.24; Live poultry firm; hens, 11¢; old roosters, 7¢; Dressing, 10¢; Corn, 42¢; Butter firm; 12¢; old roosters, 7¢; Creamery, 31¢; Eggs firm; New York and Pennsylvania, 30¢; per dozen. Potatoes steady; new, per bushel, 55¢; old, 50¢.

Baltimore—Wheat (firm); spot contract, \$1.11½; No. 1, \$1.11; No. 2, \$1.05; No. 3, \$1.04; Southern, by sample, \$1.04; No. 1, \$1.04; No. 2, \$1.01; No. 3, \$1.01; Corn firm; spot, new, 50¢; No. 2 white, 36¢; No. 2 mixed, 35¢; Rye white, up town, No. 1, \$2.00; No. 2, \$1.95; No. 3, \$1.90; Timothy, \$14.15; No. 1, \$14.15; No. 2, \$14.15; No. 3, \$14.15; Butter steady; fancy milk, 28¢; No. 2, 26¢; No. 3, 24¢; Eggs easy, at 30¢.

### Live Stock Markets.

Union Stock Yards, Pittsburgh—Cattle active; choice, \$5.25; No. 1, \$5.00; No. 2, \$4.75; No. 3, \$4.50; No. 4, \$4.25; No. 5, \$4.00; No. 6, \$3.75; No. 7, \$3.50; No. 8, \$3.25; No. 9, \$3.00; No. 10, \$2.75; No. 11, \$2.50; No. 12, \$2.25; No. 13, \$2.00; No. 14, \$1.75; No. 15, \$1.50; No. 16, \$1.25; No. 17, \$1.00; No. 18, \$0.75; No. 19, \$0.50; No. 20, \$0.25.

### FOUGHT 20-ROUND BATTLE

Jimmy Britt Gets Decision Over "Battling" Nelson at San Francisco.

San Francisco, Dec. 21. — Before an audience that jammed Mechanics Pavilion to the doors, Jimmy Britt, of this city, was given the decision over "Battling" Nelson, of Chicago, after a 20-round fight for the lightweight championship. Throughout the contest the honors alternated between the two men, and had they fought to a finish it was impossible to state who would have won. The decision was greeted with mingled cheers and hisses, the majority of the big crowd evidently thinking the battle should have been declared a draw, as both men were on their feet when the gong sounded in the last round.

In the final round Nelson waded in desperately, but could not locate Britt, who suddenly hooked two fearful lefts to the jaw, and followed it with another, staggering Nelson a bit. They fought in the center of the ring and exchanged right and left swings to the faces. Britt then sent Nelson's head back with a left hook and followed it with a left swing to the jaw. Then Britt once more hooked his left to the jaw and followed it with two right swings and a left hook to the face. The fighting was fearful. Britt waded in with right and left swings

to Nelson's jaw, and the gong clanged, denoting that the battle was over. Referee Roche promptly awarded the decision to Britt.

### COLLISION ON THE PENNSY

Local Crashes Into Chicago Limited and Overtakes Two Sleepers.

Philadelphia, Dec. 20. — The Chicago Limited on the Pennsylvania Railroad was run into by a local passenger train in the railroad yards at 44th street and Girard avenue, this city, and several persons were injured. Among those hurt are H. Le Bastian, of Detroit, Mich., who received slight lacerations of the head, and L. M. Beamer, of New York city, who sustained two broken ribs.

The fourth and fifth coaches of the limited, both sleeping cars, were overturned. The other coaches did not leave the tracks. That the accident was not more serious was due to the fact that at the time the wreck occurred most of the passengers were traveling in the fourth and fifth cars were in the dining car, which was the third coach of the train.

The accident was due to a switch failing to work, which caused the engine of the local train to cross over to the west-bound track and strike the third and fourth coaches. The overturned coaches caught fire from a lamp on the front of the engine, but the few imprisoned passengers were rescued before the flames had gained much headway.

### FLED IN THEIR NIGHT ROBES

Five Houses Topped Off Foundations by Mine Cave-In.

Mahanoy City, Pa., Dec. 20. — By the settling of the surface at Jackson's, near here, the families of Frank Lambert, Francis Benedict, Frank Collina and Joseph Weir were forced to flee in their night robes to escape being swallowed up in a cave-in. The earth was rent in huge fissures, and the ground subsided several feet. The flitchens of the homes of Benedict and Lambert dropped into the mine. The houses which topped off the foundations are the property of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron company and are located over the workings of this company.

### \$200,000 Fire in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Dec. 20. — The large three-story building at 919 and 921 Walnut street, occupied by about half a dozen business concerns, was totally destroyed by fire, entailing a loss estimated at \$200,000. Among the occupants of the building, which extended from Walnut to Sansom streets, were Henry T. Coates & Co., the well-known book publishers; Loughhead & Co., printers; H. E. Schultz & Co., milliners and dress trimmings; A. K. Billstein, millinery goods, and D. Klein & Co., tailors. The Irving House, largely patronized by the theatrical profession, and the Racquet Club, which adjoin the burned property, were damaged principally by smoke and water. Thousands of Christmas shoppers were attracted by the sight, and for a time greatly hindered the firemen.

### Held in Penitentiary by a Negro.

Athens, Ga., Dec. 19. — One negro seeks release from a condition of servitude under that of his own race. In Clark county Robert Christopher, colored, through his attorney, has sworn out a warrant before United States Commissioner Kinnebrew, charging his half-brother, George Christopher, with compelling him to work for the latter without any legal right to do so, and he seeks aid of the federal court in procuring his release. The commitment trial of the accused negro is awaited with unusual interest.

### Couldn't Buy Child Xmas Present.

New York, Dec. 21. — Because she could not buy a Christmas present for her 3-year-old daughter, Mrs. Mary Metzger, of Jersey City, tried to cut the little girl's throat. The child's screams attracted neighbors, who rescued her after she had been badly injured. The mother then tried to kill herself, but was prevented. Mrs. Metzger was arrested and the child was removed to a hospital, where it is said she may die.

### Egyptian Exhibit Sold.

St. Louis, Dec. 20. — The sale of the Egyptian ethnological exhibit at the World's Fair has been announced. John Wanamaker, of Philadelphia, purchased half of the exhibit, which included an ancient sarcophagus and a mummy (200 B. C.) for the Philadelphia Museum. The price paid for the exhibits aggregated about \$70,000.

### NAN PATTERSON

CROSS-EXAMINED

Declares She Didn't Kill Caesar Young and Denies Everything.

BOTH SIDES REST THEIR CASE

New York, Dec. 21. — After a day of torment, facing the merciless cross-examination of Prosecutor Rand, Nan Patterson, the former show girl, was tired, but happy. For several hours she sat under the galling cross fire of the assistant district attorney, who probed the events of her life from the day she met Caesar Young, for the killing of whom she is being tried, until the moment of his tragic death.

There were few striking admissions made by the witness, despite the very searching questions asked. Noticeable among these, however, was the story of the money given by the bookmaker to Miss Patterson during their year's acquaintance. At one time the sum was \$2800, at another \$2500, and at others \$1500 and \$1800.

She did not know the total amount, and could not state whether it would total \$50,000, but acknowledged that Young was a very generous man and gave her money whenever she asked.

Miss Patterson said Young was fearful Mrs. Young would kill him and possibly the actress also, and for that reason wished her to flee to Europe with him. Later she modified this under the battery of the prosecutor.

The dramatic climax of the court

scene came with the pantomime enacted by Miss Patterson and a district attorney's messenger, showing the death scene in the cab.

Seated side by side on a platform, facing the court and the jury, the messenger, under the tutelage of the former show girl, grasped her as the prisoner said she and Caesar Young had done just before the shooting.

With the calm reserve of one accustomed to play to thousands, Miss Patterson, without a tremor, went over the scene, and by her interpretation tried to make it clear that Young had taken his own life.

This scene closed the evidence for the defense.

When both sides rested, Judge Davis said he wished the case to go to the jury today, and after a conference between opposing counsel it was agreed that the closing speeches should be limited to